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SUMMARY. EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION NOW SCHEDULED TO CONVENE
SEPTEMBER

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11. FOR TIME BEING, LDP HAS DECIDED NOT TO INTRODUCE CONTROVERSIAL
MEASURES, BUT CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY. OPPOSITION
PARTIES

HAVE FORMED VARIOUS JOINT STUGGLE GROUPINGS AND INTEND TO OPPOSE
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE, TOBACCO AND POSTAL COST INCREASES DEMANDING
ADOPTION OF STIMULATIVE MEASURE. GOING MAY BE TOUGH FOR MIKI, BUT
GIVEN NEED TO STIMULATE ECONOMY AND APPARENT UNITY OF LDP, MIKI SHOUL
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BE ABLE TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES. ED SUMMARY.

1. THE CABINET FORMALLY DECIDED SEPTEMBER 2 TO CONVENE
EXTRAORDINARY
DIET SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 11. THOUGH NEGOTIATIONS ARE PENDING WITH
OPPOSITION ON LENGTH OF SESSION, IT APPEARS THAT IT WILL BE 75-80
DAYS.

2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, GOJ STILL INTENDS TO AVOID CONTENTIOUS NON-
ECONOMIC ISSUES. IT WILL STRESS, INSTEAD, MEASURES TO HELP ALLEVIATE
THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL FINANCIAL PINCH--EARLY DIET APPROVAL OF
INCREASED POSTAL RATES AND INCREASED TOBACCO AND ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE PRICES--AND ANTI-RECESSION MEASURES, TO BE CONTAINED IN
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. GOJ HAS ALREADY STATED THAT BUDGET AND
RELATED
BILLS WILL NOT BE READY FOR INTRODUCTION UNTIL EARLY OCTOBER, AND
IT INTENDS TO INTRODUCE THE ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND POSTAL MEASURES AT
THE OUTSET OF SESSION.

3. WITH THEIR EYE ON POSSIBILITY OF AN ELECTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE
AND THE PERCEPTION THAT CONFRONTATION WILL HELP THEIR RESPECTIVE
CAUSES, OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL MEASURES TO SHORE UP
THEIR SOMETIMES WAVERING UNITED STANCE AGAINST LDP. IN ADDITION TO
JSP-CGP (MOMOTE) AND JSP-DSP JOINT STRUGGLE AGREEMENTS, THE JSP AND
JCP ALSO AGREED YESTERDAY ON JOINT STRUGGLE TACTICS AIMED PRIMARILY
AT PRICE BILLS AND SECURITY TREATY RELATED PROBLEMS. WITH TOPPLING
MIKI AND NEW ELECTIONS THEIR MAIN OBJECTIVES, OPPOSITION IS DETERMINED
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TO BLOCK THE VARIOUS PRICE INCREASE BILLS AND DEMAND FIRST PRIORITY
BE GIVEN TO ANTI-RECESSION MEASURES THROUGH THE EARLIER INTRO-
DUCTION OF SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET. OPPOSITION IS ALSO DETERMINED TO
OPPOSE FLOATING OF NATIONAL BONDS AND MASSIVE PUBLIC INVESTMENT AS
STIMULATIVE MEASURES, CONTENDING THAT BENEFITS OF SUCH PROGRAMS
LARGELY FLOW TO GIANT INDUSTRIES TO NEGLECT OF MIDDLE AND SMALL
SIZED BUSINESSES. OPPOSITION INTEREST IN ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW, WHICH
FAILED IN THE UPPER HOUSE DURING LAST DIET SESSION, CONTINUES, BUT
LDP EXECUTIVES, IN INTEREST OF PARTY UNITY, HAVE DECIDED TO DROP
CONTROVERSIAL (WITHIN LDP) MEASURE FROM AGENDA.

4. COMMENT. AT THIS POINT, MEDIA BELIEVES LDP WILL HAVE ROUGH
GOING IN THIS EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION. GIVEN, HOWEVER, WIDELY
RECOGNIZED NEED TO STIMULATE ECONOMY AND EVENTUAL RELUCTANCE OF
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OPPOSITION PARTIES, JCP EXCEPTED, TO APPEAR TO STAND IN WAY OF
ECONOMIC RECOVERY, HURDLES TO MIKI'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM MAY NOT BE
SO GREAT, DESPITE JOINT STRUGGLE TACTICS. HAVING DROPPED NON-

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FROM AGENDA AND SECURED PROMISES OF COOPERATION
FROM
LDP FACTION LEADERS, MIKI SHOULD BE ABLE TO RIDE OUT MOST DIFFICULTIE
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OPPOSITION MAY POSE. COURSE OF DIET SESSION WILL HAVE A BEARING
ON MIKI'S PLANS FOR DISSOLUTION AND GENERAL ELECTION, BUT THESE
MAY BE MORE AFFECTED BY RESLTS OF ANTI-RECESSION MEASURES WHIH
WILL NOT BE APPARENT UNTIL EARLY NEXT YEAR.
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